



## 2014 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONDAY AUGUST 18, 2014  
7:00 PM**

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**Selectboard Members Present:** Tom Fontaine, Chair; Chris Santee, Vice-Chair; Randy DeVine, Leebeth Ann Lemieux and Peter King.

**Public Present:** Joshua Silman, resident; Henry Bell and Nathaniel Vandal, Green Peak Solar; LCATV, videotaping.

**Staff Present:** Deb Woodward, TC & Treas., Listers Pat McNall, Robin Chapman and Tamsin Coon; Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

**Call to Order:** Tom called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**Minutes 8.4.14:** Chris made a motion to approve the minutes with one addition; seconded by Peter. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

**Orders & Payroll:** Tom reviewed the orders and payroll.

**Public Comment:** Joshua Silman, a resident is here to discuss a road issue with the Board. He was approached by a resident of Fairfield who owns land abutting his regarding obtaining access through his property. Chris will investigate this for the Board and report back the findings.

**Pat McNall, Robin Chapman and Tamsin Coon, Listers:**

The Listers are in this evening to discuss employee evaluations with the Board. As they are elected they were curious as to how this would affect them and if they would/should be evaluated. The District Advisor for the State filled out the evaluation sheets for them, which were presented to the Board. Robin Chapman brought up the idea of doing away with the elected listers position and hiring a qualified accessor(s). Tom will investigate the accessor situation to see how it would work. Other topics of discussion were pay raises and reappraisal of the town.

#### **8.18.14 Minutes Cont.**

##### **Green Peak Solar, Nathaniel Vandal & Henry Bell:**

Nathaniel Vandal, Principal and Henry Bell, Associate for Green Peak Solar are meeting with the Board this evening to present a proposal for a net metered solar system to supply electricity to the Town of Fairfax. Green Peak Solar is a solar developer in Vermont that can save Fairfax money on its energy expenses through a 20-year solar service agreement with one of GPS's remote net metered solar projects. Chris brought Henry around town to various locations as possible sites where panels could be placed. A minimum of three acres would be required as well as access to a 3-phase power line. The Board would like to involve the school, the town garage as well as the Utility Department. Henry will create a list of ideal parcels and return to the Board at a later date. Chris will continue to work with Henry on this project as well as contact the school to see if they are interested in getting involved.

##### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Steven McDonald Access Permit Application came before the Board after D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman, added his restrictions and conditions to the permit with a culvert being required.

**ACTION:** \*Chris made the motion to grant the access permit application to Steven McDonald for Goodall Street with the stipulation that Skip present the proper location for curb and sidewalk improvements. The motion was seconded by Randy. The motion carried 5-0.

2. Road Closure Policy changes reviewed and tabled to the meeting of September 2, 2014. Tom will look into the wording for the changes.

3. Wiggins Road: A letter will be written to Mr. Leahy with the Board's decision on not taking over Wiggins Road.

4. A letter will be written to a utility customer regarding billing protocol as per Ordinance.

5. Cleaning the town office - quotes. We currently have one quote and anticipate one more. We will set a deadline of Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

6. Randy stated that he was contacted by Mary Suthermore from Fletcher as to information regarding the construction of the town office i.e. heat, construction company, fuel etc. Chris talked with her. Tom will contact her with the information.

Randy was also contacted by Shirley Boyd-Hill from the senior housing building. Her husband is writing a grant through the Vermont Community Development program for a generator. We will put her on the agenda for the 9.2.14 meeting.

**9:00 PM - Recess:** \*Peter made the motion to recess the meeting until Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. for the purpose of conducting employee evaluations. The motion was seconded by Randy. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

**August 19, 2014 - 5:30 pm.**

The meeting reconvened for the purpose of conducting employee evaluations.

**Members Present:** Chris Santee, Vice-Chair; Randy DeVine, Leebeth Ann Lemieux and Peter king.

Chris called the meeting back in session at 5:30 pm.

The following heads of departments presented for employee evaluations:

Amy Sears, Manager Utility Department

Tom Synder, Acting Fire Chief, Fairfax Fire Department

D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman, Highway Department

Katrina Antonovich, Recreation Director, Recreation Department

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The employee evaluation process finished at 7:52 pm.

**Adjourn:** \*Peter made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm; seconded by Randy. The motion carried with all in favor 4-0.

The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014. The Town Office will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2014 in observance of the Labor Day holliday.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

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Tom Fontaine, Chair  
Town of Fairfax Selectboard  
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